IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP NO. 2599 of 2007

DATE OF DECISION: 20.2.2007

Mohinder Singh ....Petitioner.

Versus

Union of India and others ....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S. KHEHAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.D. ANAND

PRESENT: Mr. Rajeev Anand, Advocate for
for the petitioner.

J.S. Khehar, J. (oral)

The petitioner claims to have applied for the Swatantra Sainik Samman Pension under a scheme sponsored by the Government of India through policy instructions dated 15.8.1981. It is the claim of the petitioner that the application for pension moved by the petitioner has been duly recommended by the State Government and yet no decision is being taken thereon by the competent authority. Learned counsel for the petitioner points out, that the petitioner had addressed a legal notice dated 18.10.2006 (Annexure P8) requiring the respondents to take a final decision on the issue in hand. However, no decision has been taken by the respondents till date. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the petitioner will be satisfied if the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Director, Freedom Fighters Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, requiring him to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 18.10.2006 (Annexure P8).

In view of the above, without going into the merits of the claim raised by the petitioner, we consider it just and appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition by directing respondent No.2 i.e. the Director, Freedom Fighters Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 18.10.2006 (Annexure P8), by passing a well reasoned speaking order within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case the petitioner is found entitled to any monetary benefits, the same shall be calculated and released to him within a further period of one month.

Disposed of accordingly.

Order dasti, on payment of usual charges.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge

(S.D. Anand)
Judge

February 20, 2007.
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